## House Resolution No. 403

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the histories of Show-Me State entrepreneurial enterprises which provide considerable support for this state's diverse, thriving economy; and

**Whereas**, the Volume 1, Number 1, edition of the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> rolled off the presses in February 1988 as a 5,000-copy run which was available at fewer than fifty outlets; and

**Whereas**, today's <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> has a circulation of 34,000 copies which can be obtained at more than six hundred locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area; and

Whereas, founded by the husband-wife team of Bill Schneider and Katie Muchnick, the <u>St. Louis</u> <u>Small Business Monthly</u> was purchased by entrepreneur and friend Judy Meador three and one-half years later; and

Whereas, the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> has guided readers through the complex world of business thanks in large measure to the professional efforts of editor Ron Ameln and his colleagues, Pat Coates, Bill Coates, and Mary Proemsey; and

Whereas, topics covered in the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> down through the past decade and a half include health plans, bank financing, computer technology, and the region's top business movers-and-shakers; and

Whereas, the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> includes in-depth sections devoted to women business owners, black history month, minority business owners, and Ernst & Young's Entrepreneur of the Year award winners; and

**Whereas**, in 1999 the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> began publishing an annual Business Owners' Guide in May which is widely praised now as "The Bible" for startup and small businesses:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the stellar history of the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u> and to convey to all of those involved in its publishing success this legislative body's heartiest congratulations and best wishes as the newspaper observes the Fifteenth Anniversary of its founding; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of the <u>St. Louis Small Business Monthly</u>.

Offered by	
· .	Representative Sherman Parker
	District No. 12

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 403, adopted February 17, 2003.